

Chapter 12.A Funding for APS Services

A. Purchased Services:

1. During the investigation phase, after exhausting available personal and community resources to provide services, the CFS Specialist may authorize the purchase of an immediate safety services paid for by the Social Services Block Grant. The CFS specialist will make a request of the supervisor for the type and amount of services to authorize. Once approval is received, the CFS Specialist enters the service authorization into N-FOCUS.
2. During the service coordination phase, the CFS Specialist may purchase services under the Social Services Block Grant without regard to income (WI) on a time-limited basis (60 days) if no other options exist and those services are necessary to safeguard the vulnerable adult. The CFS Specialist will not use Social Services Block Grant funding to supplant public and private entitlements or resources for which vulnerable adults are, or may be, eligible.

NOTE: If the abused/neglected or self-neglecting adult lacks the capacity to consent and legal intervention is being pursued, services may be provided until legal intervention is completed.

B. Without Regard to Income

When providing protective services to adults, purchased service components may be provided, within limits, without regard to income, in order to stabilize the situation of an adult and provide the needed protection. Adult Protective Service funds may be used to purchase goods or services necessary to reduce or eliminate danger or substantial risk of danger to individuals receiving adult protective services. Case service funds are available to meet short-term needs and may not be used when other funding sources are available, unless services would be delayed.

Purchased services that are often identified for APS include home-based services, adult day services, home-delivered or congregate meals, emergency shelter, transportation, other emergency needs, and any other services to stabilize the situation and/or prevent institutionalization.

The vulnerable adult is responsible for the costs of providing adult protective services if it is determined that the vulnerable adult is financially capable of paying for the services, either through the vulnerable adult's own income or through benefits received as a result of enrollment in services for which the vulnerable adult is eligible.

The following is the order in which the Department will determine the funding source for the purchase of services or items that the vulnerable adult needs to prevent further abuse and promote self-care and independent living.

1. The vulnerable adult's personal resources;
2. Community resources;
3. Other programs available to the vulnerable adult;
4. The Department may purchase services under the Social Services Block Grant for the vulnerable adult without regard to income (WI) on a time-limited basis (up to 60 days) if no other options exist and those services are necessary to safeguard the vulnerable adult.

C. Supervisory Approval:

The CFS Specialist will make the request for funds to the CFS Supervisor.

D. Documenting Use of APS Funds

The CFS Specialist documents the use of APS funds in N-FOCUS system as follows.

1. The use of APS funds to purchase services is documented.
2. The verification that the client received purchased services is documented.

Social Services Block Grant is the funding source for Adult Protective Services and may be used after all other funding sources have been accessed. The purpose of this funding is to provide short term services, which will result in certain outcomes for vulnerable adult victims of abuse/neglect and exploitation including those adult self-neglect victims.

After need for services has been established using the general criteria, the Adult Protective Services worker and the vulnerable adult, his or her legal representative, as appropriate, shall jointly determine the appropriate outcome(s) toward which the adult is working and funded services are directed and document the outcome(s) in the APS case file.

If the CFS specialist determines the need to purchase a service, the CFS Specialist will obtain approval from the CFS Supervisor. The CFS Specialist enters the service authorization information into N-FOCUS.

These are the limits in the current 473 NAC –

5-001.05 Limits for Adult Protective Service (WI) Clients: Based upon the needs assessment, the worker may authorize **chore services** for clients eligible without regard to income for a maximum of 31 days in situations of abuse or neglect of an individual age 18 or older under the following conditions:

1. Form DSS-60 will be filed with the State Central Registry; and
2. The client or client's representative has consented to the service by signing Part V of Form DSS-3A.

5-002.05 Limits for Adult Protective Services (WI) Clients: Based upon the needs assessment, the worker may authorize **adult day service** for clients eligible without regard to income for a maximum of 31 days in situations of abuse or neglect of an individual age 18 or older under the following conditions:

1. Form DSS-60, will be filed with the State Central Register; and
2. The client or client's representative has consented to the service by signing Form DSS-3A.

5-010.04 Limits for Adult Protective Services (WI) Clients: Based upon the needs assessment, the worker may authorize **meal service** for clients eligible without regard to income for a maximum of 31 days in situations of abuse or neglect of an individual age 18 or older under the following conditions:

1. Form DSS-60 will be filed with the State Central Register; and
2. The client or client's representative has consented to the service by signing Form DSS-3A.

5-011.03D Limits for Adult Protective Service (WI) Clients: Based upon the needs assessment, the worker may authorize **homemaker** service for client eligible without regard to income for a maximum of 31 days in situations of abuse or neglect of an individual age 18 or older under the following conditions:

1. Form DSS-60 will be filed with the State Central Register; and
2. The client or client's representative has consented to the service by signing Form DSS-3A.

5-013.04C Limits for Adult Protective Service (WI) Clients: Based upon the needs assessment, the worker may authorize **respite service** for clients eligible without regard to income for a maximum of 31 days in situations of abuse or neglect of an individual age 18 or older under the following conditions:

1. Form DSS-60 will be filed with the State Central Register; and
2. The client or client's representative has consented to the service by signing From DSS-3A.

E. Outcomes

1. Home and Personal Safety Outcomes: The adult victim of abuse/neglect/exploitation or self-neglect shall be safer in his/her environment.

This outcome is supported by the following purchased services that remedy the abuse, neglect, or exploitation:

- a. Obtaining Lifeline
- b. Paying rent/deposit on a one time basis;
- c. Paying utilities/deposits on a one time basis;
- d. Purchasing short-term (30 days or less) lodging;
- e. Paying extermination costs on a one time basis;
- f. Paying for a major one time clean up;
- g. Purchasing necessary household goods;
- h. Purchasing food/meals;
- i. Purchasing needed cleaning supplies;
- j. Paying for minor home repairs;
- k. Paying for a phone hookup for safety purposes;
- l. Purchasing necessary appliance repairs;
- m. Paying necessary yard maintenance/snow removal;
- n. Purchasing adult diapers or clothing;
- o. Paying for necessary moving expenses;
- p. Paying for essential travel expenses; or
- q. Paying for needed transportation.

2. Legal Intervention Outcomes: The adult victim of abuse/neglect/exploitation or the assigned APS service coordinator is able to access necessary legal assistance or intervention.

This outcome is supported by the following purchased services:

- a. Paying for copying of necessary subpoenaed records;
- b. Paying excess of \$500.00 for an attorney filing guardianship/conservatorship petitions for an APS case; or
- c. Paying necessary legal fees for adult victims of abuse/neglect.

3. Care Assistance Outcomes:

Families/Caregivers are better able to care for the abused/neglected vulnerable adult in their home.

This outcome is supported by the following purchased services:

- a. Purchasing respite care on a short-term basis;
 - b. Purchasing necessary in home support items (e.g., toilet risers grab bars, adult incontinent supplies).
4. Behavioral Health/Medical Outcomes: The vulnerable adult or APS Service Coordinator is able to obtain needed medical care/information/supplies:

This outcome is supported by the following purchase services:

- a. Paying for counseling;
- b. Paying minimum fee required by some Mental Health Centers;
- c. Paying for prescriptions/over the counter medications;
- d. Paying for psychological/medical exams;
- e. Paying for short-term medical supervision in home.